

## FEMA REGION V

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### *short notes on planning #21*

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#### MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PLANS

Communities preparing mitigation plans for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) or the Pre-disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program have the option of preparing a plan for their individual community or combining with other communities to prepare a multi-jurisdictional plan. Most multi-jurisdictional plans are either a countywide plan, a plan prepared by drainage basin authorities, or a plan prepared by regional planning commissions.

FEMA does not require communities to be part of a multi-jurisdictional group, and we realize that communities may see both positives and negatives to being part of a multi-jurisdictional group. However, we do set standards that communities must meet if they decide to be part of a multi-jurisdictional effort.

In addition to meeting the standard requirements of Part 201 of the Hazard Mitigation Planning and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Rules, a community that opts to participate in a multi-jurisdictional planning effort must meet four requirements:

1. Each community that wishes to receive credit for an approved plan must participate in the planning process.
2. Each community that wishes to receive credit for an approved plan must officially adopt the plan.
3. Each community must assess risks where they vary from the risks facing the entire community.
4. Each community must identify action items specific to the jurisdiction requesting credit for the plan.

Communities that decide not to participate in the multi-jurisdictional planning effort may not receive credit for the plan and must prepare their own community plan in order to receive credit.

When making the decision of whether to prepare an individual plan or a multi-jurisdictional plan, the basis of your community's decision should be the type of plan that best serves the needs of your community.